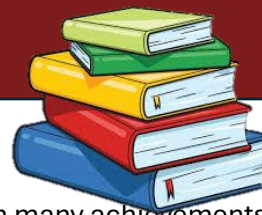




Hope View School

Newsletter April 2025



Message from Mr Johnson

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

As we enter the final two terms of the academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on many achievements and exciting opportunities our pupils have experienced so far. This year has been filled with inspiring moments, from fantastic trips that have enriched learning beyond the classroom to a highly engaging World Book Day and a positive Careers Fair, which gave pupils valuable insights into their future pathways. As a community we all share in celebrating the successes of our pupils, whether in academic progress, reading, music, sporting achievements or personal growth. Seeing our wonderful pupils develop confidence, resilience and ambition is truly rewarding.

With exam season upon us, I want to extend my best wishes on behalf of the whole staff to all our pupils who are preparing for their GCSE and Functional Skills exams. Your hard work and dedication will pay off and we are all here to support you every step of the way.

This coming summer term also marks an exciting milestone with our first ever 'sports fest' at Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford. Mr Welsh will share with you the details of this event which will be a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to showcase their talent, teamwork and school spirit. Alongside this our annual awards ceremony will take place at Garlinge Theatre on Wednesday 9th July:

- Lower Site 10:30am - 11:30am
- Upper Site 1.15pm - 2:15pm

There is still plenty of work to be done for the remaining two terms of the school year and I encourage all pupils to stay focused and make the most of the opportunities.

Thank you all for all your ongoing support as we share the same common goal of helping our pupils to succeed.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 at 08:30.

Curriculum Update from Mr Pearce: Well done to all of those who participated in mock examinations this term. All pupils managed and conducted themselves extremely well throughout this period and we hope that this shows in the results. The work however, never stops, and with GCSE and Functional Skills examinations fast approaching, teachers have cited the relevant and most appropriate revision sources to support them in preparing for these exams which begin in May 2025. We hope that they engage with this to give themselves the greatest chances of achieving the best possible outcomes! With the turn of the weather, we are looking to make best use of the rural areas surrounding our schools for Outdoor Education, Duke of Edinburgh and PE. There are plans to use Chilham Village Sports Ground, Kingswood, Julie Rose Stadium amongst others as we enter Terms 5 & 6. In addition, teachers are working hard to source and plan trips which will enrich and develop our pupil's knowledge, skills and understanding of topics taught within the classroom.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all pupils who have been positive and engaged well within their lessons over the course of Terms 3 & 4. The dedication they show now, will certainly benefit them in the future, and I also thank the teachers and teaching assistants who plan and deliver the fun and engaging lessons, and support them to achieve their full potential!

Charity Events! We continue to be blown away by the generosity of our Hope View families. Our current total for this academic year is an amazing £760.68! Our goal for the school year is to try and hit £1000, so please continue to support us! Please see below for the Easter Egg collection, thank you to those who donated



Pupil Council: As we reach the halfway point, we have new representatives joining the Pupil Council from each class, at both Upper school and Lower School. Congratulations to everyone who was chosen by their class to be a representative. Our School President and Vice President, remain in post, and will guide our new members. Thank you to our outgoing members for being the pupil's voice over the last 3 terms and effecting positive change in our school.

Upper School

Upper Site News from Mr Welsh:

As always, there have been so many amazing events taking place at the Upper Site since our last newsletter. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate some specific achievements and initiatives that deserve recognition.

One of my favourite moments each week occurs during our Monday morning assembly, where I present a small prize to one pupil from each class. These pupils are nominated by their respective form or class teachers for something that makes them stand out in the previous week. I genuinely cherish these moments; the joy and pride on the faces of the winning pupils remind me why all of us at Hope View School are dedicated to education.

In addition to recognising individual achievements, we also encourage excellent attendance. Pupils who attain 95% or above attendance for the previous term are rewarded with a non-uniform day. This initiative emphasises the importance of consistent attendance in mastering essential skills, and it's delightful to see pupils rewarded for their commitment to being present. Furthermore, those who achieve 100% attendance are treated to a special 20-minute reward period, where they can choose from various activities such as football, basketball, pool, darts, reading, computer time, or simply some quiet time to unwind.

While discussing attendance, I want to remind parents and guardians that if you need assistance or support regarding attendance matters, please refer to the dedicated section on the school website. We are here to help.

I am also excited to announce the launch of the "Who Am I" booklets this term. This initiative will play a vital role in raising our pupils' aspirations and helping them set meaningful goals to achieve their dreams. Look out for these booklets coming home during terms 5 and 6, as you will be asked to write a supporting summary about how you can support your child in reaching their targets.

Finally, I would like to wish all our pupils the very best of luck in their upcoming exams during term 5. If they approach these assessments with the same maturity they demonstrated in their mock exams, I am confident they will achieve the results their hard work deserves.

Thank you for your continued support.

Class 6 have been working incredibly hard this term. We have been learning about creative writing in English and working towards writing short stories. In maths we have recently completed fractions and are now moving forward to ratios. In science we are currently working in biology on body cells and recently been dissecting chicken wings! In history we have been learning about medieval villages and the people who lived in those times. All of class 6 have been contributing to guided reading which currently we are reading "The Last Bear".

Class 4 we have been really impressed the pupil's attitude and commitment towards the homework project books and the pupils have taken real ownership. As well as their continued improvement in Guided reading, well done Class 4!

Interventions take place throughout Hope View school, including specialist support for Speech and language and Occupational therapy. A particular favourite among the pupils is the opportunity to go for a walk with Colin the dog on Tuesdays, especially now the weather changes for the better.

Voyagers I would like to congratulate those pupils that have been working incredibly hard over the last 2 academic years that have completed their English, Maths and Science ELC. This is a total of 23 assessments each! Their dedication and commitment to learning has not gone unnoticed, and irrespective of any results they may receive, I am super proud of them! In Life Skills this half term we have been looking at all things Careers. Pupils made a fake application to work at Hope View, making themselves a CV and Cover Letter. Pupils then prepared some answers to interview questions, which Mr Johnson very kindly asked them in a mock interview. He was so impressed with them all that he offered them all jobs!

Some of our World Book Day Doors (both Upper and Lower)



Class 1 have been in full swing of exam prep. They have all done very well in their respective mock exams and have a good idea of where they are, in terms of their revision, and what they need to do to achieve their target grades. Time for the final push to ensure they leave with the grades they deserve.

Explorers We have done fantastic work in research and create non-fiction documents about Endangered Animals, which has been truly thought provoking and chances to learn about various animals. As a class made great strides in supporting one another and a term full of challenges and changes have not slowed progress and brotherhood. This term marks the completion for some Explorers on finishing their ELC Maths and Science, all ready to be submitted and soon they can look back at the hard work they have achieved. A sense of feeling of pride in their effort!

Class 2 have been studying atomic structure, how to calculate masses of substances in a reaction, bonding and structure. In T3 they have prepared for exams in maths and in T4 they have covered probability, angles and triangles. In English they are studying *Boys Don't Cry* – using it in preparation for Paper 2 exam. Next term they will be reading *George Orwell's – Animal Farm*. As form in T3 we have walked to the nearby lake for a wellbeing walk.

Term 4 has been productive for **Class 3**. Many of the pupils have been working hard to showcase their personal passions by starting their project book. Alongside this, Hope View has introduced a booklet called "Who am I" Pupils have been interacting well with this booklet, which has helped them see how the work they do now and the attitudes they adopt will support their future goals.

Lower School

Lower Site News from Miss Lynn: Another amazing term at the Lower Site, we have held two successful house events where pupils joined their allocated house group for the morning and engaged in a series of team building and group activities to earn house points for their respective house group, the winners of the most recent event were North America who earnt 100 house points for their house, please engage with our Arbor App where you can see how many individual house points your child has earnt so far.

Thank you for your continued support in engaging with homework and hearing your child read at least three times a week, the pupils are earning rewards for reaching milestones with their reading these include: Headteacher stickers, postcards home, bookmarks and similar. If you would like any further support or guidance with your child's reading, please contact their Class Teacher directly.

All classes engaged with a trip to Laser Tag to round off the term and we are looking forward to embarking upon more trips as the better weather arrives, please ensure all trip forms are returned in plenty of time otherwise your child may not be able to attend if the deadline is missed.

Badgers won the non-uniform reward for best Attendance in Term 3, the winners for Term 4 will be announced after we return from the Easter break.

We will be celebrating the anniversary of VE day on Thursday 8th May from 1pm – 2pm at the Lower School, please save the date to come and join us for an afternoon in the classroom with your child.

Discoverers have been working hard in their lessons and have been looking at fractions in Maths. In English we have been researching different countries and created a leaflet based on their chosen country. Our science topic has been all living things which has linked to our Eco-Challenge in Life Skills. The class have explored plants and insects in these subjects. The class enjoyed dressing the door for world book day in which they chose 'The Hobbit' since this we have been reading and listening to 'The Hobbit' as the class book.

Badgers have produced some amazing art this term. They have looked at the work of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein and produced their own amazing Pop Art! Badgers have enjoyed researching different holiday destinations in English and have created some fantastic leaflets to promote their chosen destinations. Cooking remains a firm favourite with the class and they all work hard and as a team. I hope you are enjoying tasting some of their creations at home!

Rabbits have been very busy and productive in lessons. In Maths, they learnt about fractions and used written methods for multiplication. In English, the Rabbits studied 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' and produced some wonderfully descriptive story beginnings, with fantasy settings. More recently, the Rabbits explored a range of poems and the use of figurative language within them. This inspired the boys to write fabulous poems that used language to excite the senses. In History, Rabbits studied the Vikings and their impact on the British Isles. They also sketched their own Vikings, which was fun. The Science topics explored the human blood circulatory system and the importance of keeping our hearts healthy through diet and exercise.

Outdoor Education: This term we have had the chance to use some fun equipment to measure how gravity can affect projectiles. Boys have used bow and arrows and nerf guns. Also, we set up a target range in the woods. Badgers also went on a trip to the woods to complete a scavenger hunt and look for bugs. To finish the term off with a fantastic trip to laser tag where the class showed maturity and understanding of the site safety rules.



IMPORTANT SAVE THE DATES:

Tuesday 1st July 2025 – Upper School Sports Fest

Wednesday 2nd July 2025 – Lower School Sports Fest

Wednesday 9th July 2025 – End of Year Awards Ceremony

Adventurers in Maths have been practising multiplication, division, length, area and perimeter. Our English topics have involved fiction through reading Charlotte's Web and adapting the story to incorporate our own exciting events. For non-fiction texts the focus was on Postcards where we thought about where we'd like to go on holiday then writing to friends and family from our chosen place. Sound and electricity have been the focus during science which have both involved lots of practical experiments. We especially loved producing our own circuits, lighting the bulbs and making the buzzers work. Life Skills and PSHE have seen us learning tools to give us a healthy body and mind such as getting enough nutritional food, exercise, sleep and mindfulness.



Squirrels have had a fantastic term and completed outstanding work. In English, they have been studying fantasy fiction and creating their own fantasy stories. In maths, they have studied and described shapes. The pupils enjoyed investigating habitats and life cycles in our science lessons. In PSHE, we have had great discussions about living a healthy lifestyle.

Term 3 School Events!

Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of Term 5
Wednesday 30 th April	HPV Vaccinations (Yr 8 Catch up 9,10,11)
Friday 2 nd May	Science Fair (US)
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day – Lower School celebration more details to follow.
Friday 23 rd May	Last day of Term 5

Have a wonderful Easter We look forward to seeing pupils back on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.